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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Tonga

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Tonga, for the period 1997 to 2001. A one-year extension of the first CCF has been requested, to enable the formulation of the second CCF within the framework of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and the synchronization of the period of the second CCF with the programming cycles of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The main thematic areas of the first CCF, namely, good governance through increasing domestic savings and providing workers and their families, both in the formal and informal sectors, with financial security upon retirement or death, and improving the efficiency of the labour market and gender mainstreaming remain valid.

II. Objectives

3. UNDP will continue to support the Government's efforts in the following areas: (a) promoting good governance, with emphasis on support to vulnerable groups and capacity-building, through the drafting and passing of legislation for a national retirement benefit scheme; (b) conducting a labour market efficiency study that will also contribute towards the preparation of a national human development report; and (c) environmental management and protection, with an emphasis on renewable energy and national strategy development, and action to preserve the country's biodiversity.

III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Tonga for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

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Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Tonga (1997-2002)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	15	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	307	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	87	
Subtotal	**409** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	0	
Third party cost-sharing	0	
Funds, trust funds and other	325	
of which:		
GEF	325	
Subtotal	**325**	
Grand total	**734** [a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.